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RSIF GRANTS—CURRENT & MOST RECENT:

(DSB “Matching Funds” Grant)

Brain Injury Services of SW Virginia— This six-month proposal provided assistance implementing a support group in the Alleghany Highlands and providing funds for a survivor and caregiver to attend the Transcending Brain Injury Conference April 22, 2006. This award was for \$4,856.40 with a required local match of \$485.64.

(Most Recent RSIF Grants):

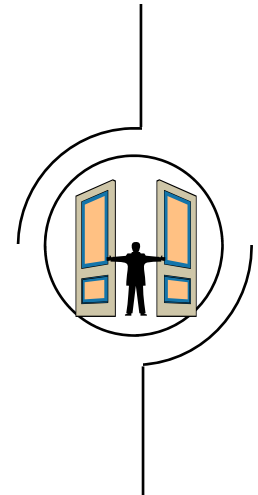
Voice of the Blue Ridge - This one-year proposal provided access and training to assistive technology for the blind and visually impaired persons of all of the Fifth Planning District Commission. The award was for \$15,000 with a required local match of \$1666.

Family Services of Roanoke Valley—This one-year proposal provided home-based personal care services for individuals in the Roanoke area, Alleghany County and Craig County areas. The award was for \$15,000 with a required local match of \$1666.

Brain Injury Assoc. of Virginia— This one-year proposal provided brain injury education in the Roanoke area and implemented the Transcending Brain Injury Conference. The award was for \$7,000 with a required local match of \$701.

***OPENING DOORS FOR
THE COMMUNITY...***

FIFTH PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION DISABILITY SERVICES BOARD



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ORIGIN

The Disability Services Boards were formed in 1992. Since localities had the opportunity to join together to form these boards, the governmental subdivisions of the Fifth Planning District chose to form one board. The Board is comprised of one representative from each locality within the Fifth Planning District, two business representatives, and one physically disabled, one visually impaired, and one hearing impaired representative. The Board meets four times a year for approximately one hour and rotates meeting sites in each jurisdiction.

MISSION

Mission Statement: "to provide input to state and local agencies on service needs and priorities of persons with physical and sensory disabilities, to provide information and resource referral to local governments regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act, and to provide such other assistance and advice to local governments as may be requested."

STATE REHABILITATIVE SERVICES INCENTIVE FUND (RSIF)

The State Rehabilitative Services Incentive Fund (RSIF) is a short-term, non-renewable, stimulus funding designed to promote investment in meeting the needs of individuals with physical and sensory disabilities. An amount of state funds are allocated for each Disability Services Board (DSB). Boards may access these funds by submitting a grant proposal. The State RSIF may be used for one-time or multi-year proposals. The State RSIF grants are reimbursement grants. Access to the State RSIF requires matching funds, which a board may generate from local government, philanthropic organizations, fund raising, business and industry, and advocacy organizations. Boards will use the state incentive grant and matching funds to allow service providers to develop, expand, establish, or demonstrate a desired service or program needed by the community.

The Code of Virginia establishes incentive funds at both the state and local levels. Subsection A of § 51.5-50 establishes a State RSIF "administered by the Department of Rehabilitative Services to meet programmatic and individual recipient needs not otherwise met through existing federal, state, or local programs, and to develop community programs to meet the needs of persons with physical and sensory disabilities." In addition, § 51.5-51 states "local disability services boards may establish a local rehabilitative services incentive fund and may make expenditures from such fund to meet programmatic and individual recipient needs not otherwise met through existing federal, state, or local programs and to develop community programs to meet the needs of persons with physical and sensory disabilities."

PURPOSE OF THE RSIF

The guiding principles for the Rehabilitative Services Incentive Fund are:

1. To serve as a first step in the development of the community-based, consumer-focused service delivery system envisioned by the Commission on the Coordination of the Delivery of Services to Facilitate the Self-Sufficiency and Support of Persons with Physical and Sensory Disabilities in the Commonwealth.
2. To establish fiscal incentives for state and local commitment of resources to address needs identified by a DSB for new programs or expanded access to existing services. The State RSIF cannot be used to supplant the existing funding of a service operating in the community. Participation in the RSIF is a local option.
3. To provide seed money for program innovation and coordination of services among organizations, jurisdictions, and Disability Services Boards.

4. To enable DSBs to serve as catalysts by leveraging resources for services from multiple private and public sources and to stimulate statewide expansion of models that work.

ALLOCATION OF THE RSIF GRANT

The total award for the State of Virginia is \$882,500. A minimum allocation is established by the Disability Services Council to insure the viability of the fund for communities with small numbers of individuals with disabilities. The minimum allocation is set by the Council at \$5,000 and an additional \$2,000 for each additional locality that they represent. Therefore, the allocation for the Fifth Planning District Commission is in the amount of \$42,673 requiring a local match of \$4,268 totaling \$46,941. These grants are offered annually when the funds are available. With recent State budget restraints, recent grants have been Competitive Grants in the amount of \$15,000 requiring a local match of \$1,666.

RSIF GRANTS—CURRENT & MOST RECENT: (Current RSIF07 Grant)

Brain Injury Services of SW Virginia— This one year proposal will use funds to provide necessary services and supports to individuals with acquired brain injuries, and their families. Funding will provide continued assistance in support group implementation, participation in the Transcending Brain Injury Conference 2007 for four participants from the Alleghany Highlands and family support/respite services. This award is currently for \$2,873 with a required local match of \$287.

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